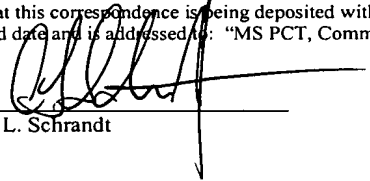


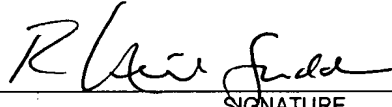
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: 201-153
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5): 10/523441
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/EP2003/008614	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: 04 Aug. 2003 (04.08.2003)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: 05 Aug. 2002 (05.08.2002)
TITLE OF INVENTION: BUOYANCY COMPENSATOR DEVICE, PARTICULARLY FOR DIVERS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: PIANEZZOLA, Sergio and CONTARDI, Augusto		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (ROIUS).6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau, and are incorporated into the included <u>substitute</u> specification and claims.c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Report under PCT Examination Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 with a citation sheet and <u>four (4)</u> reference documents.12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.15. <input type="checkbox"/> A <u>substitute</u> specification and claims (clean copy of application) that includes the Amendments made in the International Application.16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) with International Search Report.19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Forms PCT/IB/301, PCT/IB/304 and PCT/IB/308.		

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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$1000.00	\$1000.00		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$565.00	
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